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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.